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SUBJECT: CLC PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON QUEBEC

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. IN SPEECH TO TORONTO'S CANADIAN CLUB ON FEBRUARY 21 CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) PRESIDENT MORRIS ARTICULATED HIS VIEWS ON LANGUAGE AND CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES THAT MUST BE CORRECTED IF QUEBEC IS TO REMAIN PART OF CANADA.

2. NOTING THAT TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION HAS LED TO SPREAD OF ENGLISH AS LANGUAGE OF BUSINESS, MORRIS CONCLUDED THAT QUEBECERS FEEL THREATENED BY ENVIRONMENT THAT ENGULFS THEM. HE INSISTED THAT "IT IS ARBITRARY TO REQUIRE QUEBEC WORKERS TO SPEAK IN OTHER THAN THEIR NATIVE TONGUE AT WORK BECAUSE SUPERVISORS SPEAK ONLY ENGLISH; OPPORTUNITIES IN CORPORATE WORLD MUST BE OPENED UP TO ALL CANADIANS EQUALLY."

3. IN MOST PRECISE POSITION STATED PUBLICLY BY A SENIOR NATIONAL CLC OFFICIAL SINCE PQ ELECTORAL VICTORY, MORRIS CONCEDED THAT TERMS OF CONFEDERATION MAY HAVE TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RENEGOTIATED TO GUARANTEE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUEBECERS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT; THESE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MORRIS ARE VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE HELD BY CLC'S QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOR PRESIDENT LABERGE BUT WILL COME UNDER MINUTE SCRUTINY WHEN CLC EXECUTIVE

COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES A NUMBER OF ANGLOPHONES WHO
RESENT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR QUEBEC FRANCOPHONES,
TAKES FORMAL POSITION ON EMOTION-CHARGED QUESTION OF
QUEBEC'S FUTURE RELATIONSHIP TO REST OF CANADA.
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